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PLANTS FOR FOOD

God gave Adam and Eve and all other creatures every plant and tree bearing fruit for food. God's design was perfect and everything lived in harmony. (Genesis 1 - 2)

Sadly, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil everything changed. A curse fell upon the earth and mankind no longer lived in peace with other creatures, including mosquitoes. Over time God gave man everything for food, including animals. (Genesis 3 - 4)

GOD'S ORIGINAL DESIGN

When God originally created mosquitoes they were plant eaters. They were designed to eat the pollen and nectar of flowers. However, after the curse female mosquitoes developed the need for proteins found in the blood of humans and animals to produce their eggs. We can glimpse God's original design in male mosquitoes today, for they still receive all of their nourishment from plants.

But even though sin destroyed God's perfect plan, mosquitoes still play an important role in our environment, serving many beneficial purposes. Scientists are even researching how the saliva of a mosquito can help save the lives of heart patients. Let's all pray for that to happen, and that researchers will also find cures to the many diseases mosquitoes spread.

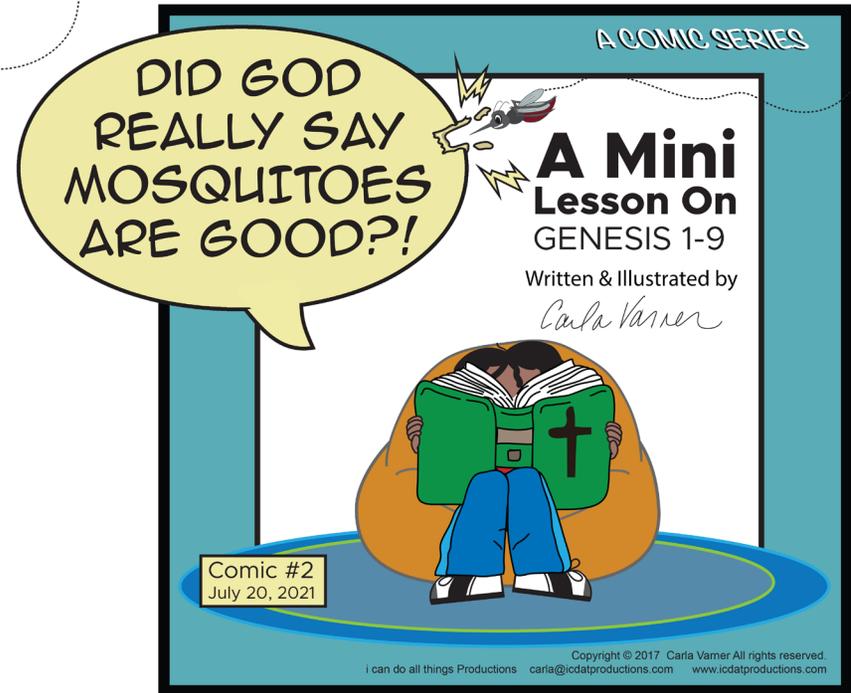
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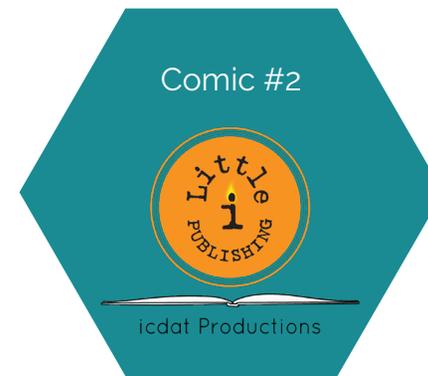
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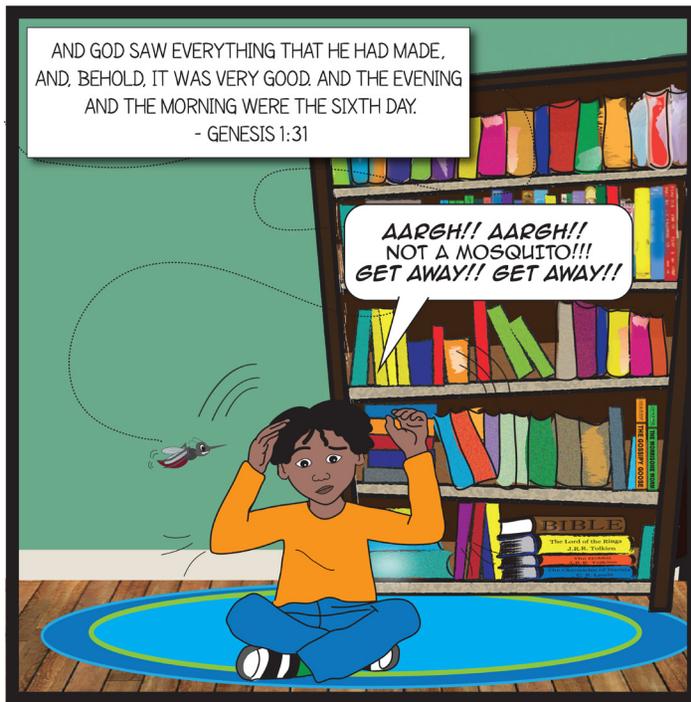
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- A MINI LESSON -

THERE'S TWO THINGS WE CAN COUNT ON IN LIFE. ONE, GOD NEVER MAKES A MISTAKE. AND, TWO, EVERYTHING GOD SAYS IS TRUE. That's why we can be sure that God made mosquitoes for a good purpose.

AARGH! MOSQUITOES! Sure, mosquitoes have driven us all nuts. Especially when they're buzzing around our ears at night when we're trying to sleep, or biting us when we're outside trying to enjoy the outdoors. We put on bug repellent, burn citronella candles, and grow lavender, peppermint, and rosemary in our gardens, all in an effort to avoid being bitten and left with those itchy, red bumps that we scratch for days.

But mosquitoes aren't only bothersome. They can make people sick by spreading serious illnesses, like malaria, encephalitis, and Zika. This happens when the female mosquito uses the needle-like part of her mouth to puncture her victim's skin and draw blood, just like a straw. While drawing blood, some of the mosquitoes saliva



passes into her victim, and this is how diseases are spread. It's a messy business and why mosquitoes are unpopular. In fact, some scientists are actually researching what would happen if we got rid of them altogether!

Yet when God finished making everything, He looked over His whole creation and said it was VERY GOOD! (Genesis 1:31) That meant everything, including mosquitoes!

Still wondering how that could be? To find out we'll need to go all the way back to the beginning of time, to when God first created the earth. We can travel there together as we open our Bibles to the book of Genesis and explore the first nine chapters. There we'll discover God's original purpose for mosquitoes.

THE BEGINNING OF TIME

After God created the heavens and the earth He filled it with life - plants, animals, insects, people and more. When He made Adam and Eve He placed them in a beautiful garden to live with Him and all He made.